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Title: Prevalence of urinary colonization by Extended Spectrum-Beta-Lactamase Enterobacteriaceae among catheterised inpatients in Italian Long Term Care Facilities

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Dear editor,

I would like to submit the following article “Prevalence of urinary colonization by Extended Spectrum-Beta-Lactamase Enterobacteriaceae among catheterised inpatients in Italian Long Term Care Facilities.”

Submitting this research article I warrant, on behalf of myself and my co-authors, that the article has not been formally published in any other peer-reviewed journal, is not under consideration by any other journal and does not infringe any existing copyright or any other third party rights. Moreover, no related papers have been published.

All patients participated in the study on a voluntary basis after signing an informed consent. Patient data were used anonymously. At the time of the study, there was no legal obligation to obtain the approval of an Ethic Committee (DM 15/07/1997 and DM 12/05/2006) prior to conducting an observational (non experimental) studies. At the time of the study the Ethic Committee was mandatory only for experimental studies.

Besides no conflict of interest concern this study.

I would like to submit the answers to reviewers’ questions for the article:

Below I answered to reviewers’ questions.

Kind regards